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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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<b>Box No. V DESIGNATIONS</b>																											
<p>The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.</p> <p>However,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection  <input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection  <input type="checkbox"/> RU Russian Federation is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><i>(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States.)</i></p>																											
<b>Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM</b>																											
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<p>The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (<i>only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office</i>) identified above as:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all items      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> item (1)      <input type="checkbox"/> item (2)      <input type="checkbox"/> item (3)      <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box</p> <p><i>* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): . . . . .</i></p>																											
<b>Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY</b>																											
<p>Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</p> <p>ISA / US . . . . .</p>																											
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<b>Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS</b>																											
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor			:																							
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty			:																							

**Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to this international application,

HILL-ROM SERVICES, INC. is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

an assignment from NEWKIRK, David C.; GRAHAM, Mark Alan; and REINKE, Christian H. to HILL-ROM SERVICES, INC. dated 09 March 2004 (09.03.04); 12 March 2004 (12.03.04); and 09 March 2004 (09.03.04), respectively, and

an assignment from CERIMELE, Michael E. dated 28 September 2004 (28.09.04).

This declaration is made for the purposes of all designations, except the designation of the United States of America.

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

**Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to this international application,

HILL-ROM SERVICES, INC. is entitled to claim priority of earlier application

no. 60/510,756

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